APPENDIX A

CLAIM CORRESPONDENCE TABLES

Claim Limitation	Corresponding Feature In Preferred Embodiment	Corresponding Feature in Worthington
1. A roller assembly for a lawnmower, comprising	A roller assembly 20 is disclosed.	A roller assembly is disclosed.
a tow arm having first and second links	Tow arm 42 has first and second links 50 and 52	The gauge rollers 4 are mounted on the frame 3 by the arms 6 of a rock shaft. Col. 2, lines 38-40.
the first link having a rear end that is pivotally attached to a front end of the second link	The rear end of the front or first link 50 is pivotally attached to the second or rear link 52.	**Not met.** The Office Action indicates that the elements 6 and 9 correspond to the front link. However, these are two different structures. As seen in Fig. 3, arm 9 is bolted to the arm 3 at 10. Another arm 6, spaced laterally inwardly of the arm 3, is mounted on the rock shaft 7 and supports the roller bearing shaft 5.
and having a front end configured to be supported at least indirectly on a frame of a lawnmower	The front end of the font link 50 is mounted on the frame of the lawnmower at 134, 136, 138.	**Not met.** The arm 6 is fixed to and rotates with the rock shaft 7. The front end of the actuator arm 9 is mounted on bracket 8 alleged by the Examiner to correspond to the rear link. The same structure cannot be both a "rear link" and a lawnmower frame.
a shaft supported and at least indirectly coupled on the second link,	Shaft 36 is mounted on the second link 52.	The Examiner alleges that the rock shaft 7 corresponds to the claimed shaft. It is mounted on the stationary arm 8.
at least one roller disposed on the shaft	Rollers 38 are disposed on the shaft 36.	**Not met.** The gauge rollers 4 are disposed or mounted on the shaft 5, which is mounted on the arm 6 of rockshaft 7, which in turn is mounted on the arm 8. The gauge rollers 4 are "disposed on" rock shaft 7 within any acceptable definition of that term.
a spring disposed between the first and second links and configured to bias the second link downwardly	Spring 74 biases the second link 52 and roller 38 downwardly.	**Not met.** The purpose of the spring 13 is to force the arm 7 against the head 12 of the adjusting screw 11, ***not*** to bias the arm 6 or gauge roller 4. ***In addition***, if one were to remove the

relative to the first link thereby to bias the roller against a ground surface.		head 12 to permit the spring to bias any arm, it would bias the arm 7 counterclockwise about the rock shaft 7 as illustrated in sketch attached as appendix B, hence biasing the roller 4 ***upwardly away from the ground*** Worthington's spring acts in the diametrically opposite direction of the claimed spring.

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10. A roller assembly for attachment to a lawnmower, comprising	roller assembly 20	A roller assembly is disclosed.
A shaft disposed in the lateral direction with respect to the ground surface.	Shaft 36 is disposed as claimed.	The Examiner alleges that the rock shaft 7 corresponds to the claimed shaft
at least one roller disposed on the shaft, the at least one roller configured to contact and ride along the ground surface	Rollers 38 are disposed on the shaft 36 and are configured to roll along the ground.	**Not met.** The gauge rollers 4 are disposed or mounted on the shaft 5, which is mounted on the arm 6 of rockshaft 7, which in turn is mounted on the arm 8. The gauge rollers 4 are "disposed on" rock shaft 7 within any acceptable definition of that term.
a tow arm to which said shaft is connected	The shaft 36 is connected to a tow arm 42.	The shaft 7 is mounted on arms 9.
a quick connect assembly having a sleeve mountable to one of a) a front end portion of the tow arm and b) the lawnmower frame a rod mountable on the other of the front end portion of the tow arm and the lawnmower frame and being detachably attachable~~configured for attachment~~ to the sleeve to thereby detachably connect the tow arm to the lawnmower frame.	A quick connect assembly 132 includes a sleeve 134 mounted on the front end of the first link 50 of each tow arm 42 and 44. The sleeve 134 is configured to receive a rod 138 mounted on the rear ~~axle~~ cross frame32 of the frame 22.	**Not met.** The examiner contends that the yoke on the arm 6 and the shaft of the rock shaft 7 comprise the claimed sleeve and pin, respectively. However, the arm and shaft are formed integrally with one another and, therefore,

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16. A roller assembly for a lawnmower, comprising	A roller assembly 20 is disclosed.	A roller assembly is disclosed.
a tow arm having a front link with a rear end pivotally attached to a front end of a rear link, and a front end configured to be at least indirectly supported by a lawnmower	Tow arm 42 has first and second links 50 and 52. The rear end of the front or first link 50 is pivotally attached to the second or rear link 52.	The examiner contends that the ear mount on the frame and the arms 104 correspond to the claimed front and rear links.
a shaft supported at least indirectly by a rear end of the rear link of the tow arm; and	Shaft 36 is arranged as claimed	The Examiner has not called out a shaft but presumably contends that the shaft 106 corresponds to the claimed shaft.
a plurality of rollers disposed on the shaft and configured to roll along a ground surface; and	Rollers 38 are disposed on the shaft 36.	**Not met.** Only a single roller 15 is disclosed.
a latch assembly configured to be selectively engagable to latch the rear link to the front link in a manner that holds the roller assembly in a raised, inoperative position in which the rollers are incapable of riding along a ground surface, wherein the latch assembly includes a latch pin which is selective movable between a retracted position in which the latch assembly is disengaged to an extended position in which the latch assembly is engaged a shaft supported and at least indirectly coupled on the second link,	A latch assembly 104 includes a spring biased latch pin 106 configured to selectivcly support the second link 52, shaft 36, and rollers 38 in the raised position.	**Not met.** Claim 16 would be amended to clarify the intended meaning of the "inoperative position." **Claim 29 already has the same language.** The roller 15 of Day is a gauge roller that *always* rides along the ground. See, e.g. Col 1, lines 51-67 and Col 4, lines 4-10. It is incapable of being held in the claimed inoperative position.